

## MARIE KRISTINE HANSEN

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany S. 906]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 906) for the relief of Marie Kristine Hansen, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

## AMENDMENT

On line 6, strike the words "her last entry into the United States" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the enactment of this act".

## PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Marie Kristine Hansen. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 51-year-old native and citizen of Norway who last entered the United States as a visitor on April 22, 1949. She lives with her brother, Hans V. Hansen, of Seattle, Wash., a naturalized citizen of the United States, and takes care of her sister-in-law who is an invalid.

A letter dated December 15, 1950, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General with

reference to S. 3899, which was a bill introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
Washington, December 15, 1950.

Hon. PAT McCARRAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 3899) for the relief of Marie Kristine Hansen, an alien.

The bill would provide that Marie Kristine Hansen shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of her last entry, upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. It would direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer to deduct one number from the nonpreference category of the appropriate immigration quota for the first year that such quota is available.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that the alien, Marie Kristine Hansen, was born on April 7, 1900, in Drammen, Norway, and is a citizen of that country. She entered the United States at the port of New York on April 22, 1949, when she was admitted as a temporary visitor until October 21, 1949. Her stay was subsequently extended until April 20, 1950, and a further extension was granted her until October 20, 1950, upon her assurance that she would depart within that time. Miss Hansen has not been employed since coming to this country. She has been residing with her brother, Hans V. Hansen of Seattle, Wash., a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is a manufacturer, and owns controlling interests in the Tyee Lumber Co., the Acme Millwork Co., and the Preco Corp.

The quota of Norway, to which Miss Hansen is chargeable, is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable. The record in her case, however, fails to present any facts which would justify the enactment of the proposed bill, granting her a preference over other nationals of Norway who also desire to obtain the benefits of permanent residence in the United States, but who remain abroad and await their turn for the issuance of immigration visas under the general law.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend enactment of this bill.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,  
*Deputy Attorney General.*

Senator Warren G. Magnuson, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

WASHINGTON 4, D. C., July 20, 1951.

Hon. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,  
*United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: Permit me to refer to the bill introduced by you February 19, 1951, S. 906, for the relief of Marie Kristine Hansen.

As I understand the fact, this bill was introduced in recognition of peculiar and special circumstances subsisting in the home of your respected constituent, Mr. Hans W. Hansen, American citizen, who is engaged in business with the Tyee Lumber & Manufacturing Co., 600 Myrtle Street, Seattle 8, Wash.

Such peculiar and special circumstances include the facts:

(a) That Mrs. Marguerite Hansen, American-citizen wife of Hans W. Hansen, is an invalid who requires constant care and attention;

(b) That the subject alien, Marie Kristine Hansen, sister of Hans W. Hansen, after her entry into the United States as a temporary visitor on April 22, 1949, became the constant companion, nurse and guide of her invalid sister-in-law, Marguerite Hansen;

(c) That the subject alien, Marie Kristine Hansen, thereafter formed a desire to remain in the United States essentially or principally for the purpose of serving Marguerite Hansen; and

(d) That in view of the invalidism of Marguerite Hansen, and her continuing need for the care and attention provided by Marie Kristine Hansen, the separation of the two even for a brief period of time would be or amount to a severe hardship.

Confirming these facts, permit me to hand you herewith:

(a) A letter addressed to me under date June 14, 1951, by Wallace W. Lindahl, M. D., 702 Summit Ave., Seattle 4, Wash., describing in detail the physical condition of Marguerite Hansen, asserting that she is "an invalid as far as doing any useful work is concerned", that her condition "is not remediable by surgery", that "the prognosis of this condition is hopeless", and that she requires "someone to be with her constantly to aid in keeping her from falling and breaking a bone which might precipitate a fatal illness";

(b) An affidavit executed April 12, 1951, by Esther E. Vogue, of 2930 Fuhrman Ave., Seattle, Wash.;

(c) An affidavit executed April 13, 1951, by Queenie M. Miller, of Cle Elum, Wash.; and

(d) An affidavit executed April 18, 1951, by Carl D. F. Jensen, M. D., of Seattle, Wash.

Thus the bill, S. 906, is an humanitarian measure having the sole purpose of according the Norwegian alien, Marie Kristine Hansen, a permanent residence status in the United States, in order that she may continue the sisterly service she is rendering in giving care and attention to Marguerite Hansen, an American citizen and a hopeless invalid.

You will have noted in a letter addressed to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary by the Department of Justice a statement that "the quota of Norway, to which the alien (Marie Kristine Hansen) is chargeable, is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable". Upon investigation I have learned that although the condition of the Norwegian quota has improved recently, there would still be required a waiting period of some months if Marie Kristine Hansen were to proceed to a foreign country for the purpose of obtaining an immigration visa. Under regulations of the Department of State, an alien temporarily in the United States may not register as an intending immigrant while awaiting the availability of a quota number. Thus, although it cannot be said that administrative procedures for the obtainment of relief in this case are wholly unavoidable, it remains true that such administrative procedures would necessarily separate the invalid Marguerite Hansen from her alien sister-in-law for a period of time, and that such separation, even for a limited period, might be tragic.

It follows that as an humanitarian measure your bill, S. 906, ought to be enacted.

It may be pointed out that the bill's provision for the charge of one Norwegian quota number out of the 2,377 annually available, and the application of the same to the case of the subject alien, would be or amount to no important prejudice to other Norwegian-born applicants currently awaiting visas; but even if it should be considered slightly prejudicial to such applicants, the circumstances would be more than counterbalanced by the measure of relief and benefit which would accrue to the American citizens Marguerite Hansen and Hans W. Hansen. The latter, as you know, is thoroughly able to provide his alien sister with complete economic security. He, and many other citizens of the State of Washington having knowledge of the facts, will be very grateful if the Congress in its wisdom shall see fit to enact your bill.

Respectfully yours,

PETER F. SNYDER,  
*Attorney at Law.*

The affidavits referred to in the above-quoted letter are contained in the files of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill has been amended to conform with the policy of the committee in granting permanent residence in the United States to an alien as of the date of the adjustment rather than as of the date of last entry into the United States.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 906), as amended, should be enacted.



